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BUCKLEY AND THE "JUNTA."

The defeat of Christopher Buckley by

the San Francisco "Junta" cannot be

considered a final victory for the oppo-

nents of the blind democracy. For the

moment he is subdued, to be sure, but

he is not a man to be permanently

"downed" with ease. All that cunning

and knavery combined will do to re-

state him in power will be done, and

the result by no means is assured. The

chances are fair that he will win or

will hopelessly slip the democratic

party in this state, so far as the ap-

proaching election is concerned.

Concerning the recent defeat of the

ex-boss the San Francisco Call says:

"It is to be kept in mind, however, that

a certain value as a certificate of char-

acter." The Call might have strengthened

the statement by saying that such oppo-

sition has a very certain value as a cer-

tificate of character. It would be diffi-

cult to conceive of a spectacle more dis-

graceful than this of a refugee from

justice returning to grasp, or well nigh

grasp, the scepter of political control.

That such a thing is conceivable as a

possibility that possibility approaches

probability the disgrace is vastly intensi-

fied. There is no man in San Quentin

or Folsom today who is more notorious

as a criminal than Christopher A. Buck-

ley. There is no man there who would

have fled more cravenly than he at the

first intimation that the machinery

of the law had been set in motion

against him. There should be decent

men enough in San Francisco to forever

crush the aspirations of this knavish, if

able, fellow. If there are not, the city

deserves to be politically robbed to the

end of the chapter. If, on the contrary,

Buckley faithfully represents the domi-

nating governmental idea of the met-

ropolis, that city deserves political an-

nihilation; it deserves, in other words,

to be made subject to the more decent

influence of the interior of the state.

If the respectable citizenry of the

state look with astonishment approach-

ing consternation on the spectacle of

this returned refugee from justice grasp-

ing at the reins of political power, with

what sentiments must we suppose that

the people of other states look on the

spectacle? Must they not inevitably

conclude that it is a very rotten borough

where such a state of affairs is possible?

In view of such a condition, is not the

contempt for Californian politics which

not infrequently is expressed by eastern

papers entirely comprehensible? With

the exception of the great city of New

York, nowhere in the Union has politi-

cal knavery been so rampant and suc-

cessful as in San Francisco.

The Republican hopes that the

"Junta" will be successful to the end.

It should have the support of every

bona fide Democrat in the city, as well

as the encouragement of every such

Democrat in the state.

This record of the California dele-

gation in congress is one of honorable

regard for the welfare of the people of

the state and honorable opposition to a

funding bill with one exception. That

policy exception is Grove L. Johnson,

the representative from the second district.

He is the Judas of the delegation, who

has sold his master, the people. The

simile should be continued, for his deed

should result in the political hanging of

himself. But if the people of the second

district are dissatisfied with Mr. John-

son's record, as doubtless they are, the

chief burden of their blame should fall

on themselves. They knew very well

what he was before they elected him.

The Republican especially told them over

and over again what they might expect

in the event that he should be elected.

Of course it may be said that the people,

being thus notified, elected him because

they wanted precisely such a man in

congress, but, reasonable as the argu-

ment appears, one need have made no

wide acquaintance in the second district

to know that it is not the exception

to the sentiment of the state in opposi-

tion to a funding bill. Mr. Johnson

misrepresents his district in this respect,

but the people who elected him have

principally themselves to blame in the

matter.

A local paper over at Dos Palos,

in Merced county, says that a traveling

evangelist known as "the cowboy

preacher," who has been holding forth

in that village for some time, is too

fresh. These are some of the grounds

upon which it bases its charge:

Last Sunday night a young couple of

the colony attended church, and for some

reasons the notorious cowboy walked

down the aisle to where they were sit-

ting, called the young ladies attention,

and pointing to the young man, said:

"Drop him! Drop him! He has the

devil in him! Give him the milken!"

On another occasion a young man

belonging to another church at-

tended the revival, and for some reason

failed to leave the room before church

was over. The cowboy, seeing this, said:

"Let the car go!"

The only comment that seems to be in

order is to express the opinion that it is

a mighty poor commentary on the peo-

ple of Dos Palos that this blasphemous

blackguard has only been "licked" once

since he made his advent in the com-

munity.

The Mail has already shown that the

appointment of Mr. J. J. J. as lieutenant

governor was perfectly regular. As to

his being "reputed" as the "cowboy

preacher," it is nonsense. Next to Mr.

Milford, J. J. J. received the largest vote

of any of the candidates for the lieuten-

ant governorship, so he was unques-

tionably the second choice of the people

of the state. -Stockton Mail.

There is logic in Mr. J. J. J. There were

two principal candidates for the posi-

tion; just two who were recognized as

having a reasonable chance to be

elected. Of the two, next to Mr. Mil-

ford, J. J. J. received the largest vote.

The Mail's logic results in a small

boy who will be next to the head of

his class in the school of

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## MAKE THE BATTLE IN THE PARTY.

The Sacramento River is a staunch

advocate of free coinage, and the

following from its editorial columns

shows that it meets about the same line

of argument from its Democratic con-

temporaries that this paper does:

The San Bernardino News affects to be-

lieve that there can be no silver question

until the silver question is settled by

the Republican party and the Republi-

can candidate if a silver man is not

nominated. The silver question is

settled by the silver question. The

Republican party is the silver question.

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